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GROUP AT THE 32ND GA

1. SUMMARY. RELATIONS WITH OUT WESTERNALLIES

GENERALLY PROSPERED DURING THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA).
IT WILL REMAIN IMPORTANT FOR THE US TO MAINTAIN CLOSE
ONGOING CONSULTATIONS WITH OUT WESTERN ALLIES.

2. THE WESTERN CAUCUSES AT THE UN.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY FOUR WESTERN CAUCUSES AT THE UN:
THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP (WEOG), THE VINCI
GROUP, THE EC-9, AND THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL (SC) (COMPRISING THE FIVE WESTERN
MEMBERS: THE US, FRANCE, UK, FRG, AND CANADA). THESE
GROUPS INTERRELATE ACCORDING TO THE ISSUE.

A. THE WEOG. THE WEOG, A RECOGNIZED UN CAUCUS,
COMPRISES ALL THE NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF EUROPE
(INCLUDING MALTA BUT NOT CYPRUS, WHICH CAUCUSES WITH THE
ASIAN REGIONAL GROUP), AS WELL AS CANADA, NEW ZEALAND,
AND AUSTRALIA. AT THE AMBASSADORIAL-LEVEL WEOG MEETINGS,
THE US, BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, PARTICIPATES AS AN OBSERVER,
AS DO SWITZERLAND, THE HOLY SEE, AND MONACO. THE PRIMARY
FUNCTION OF THE WEOG IS TO SELECT AND ENDORSE WESTERN
SLATES FOR ELECTION TO THE VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE UN
SUCH AS THE SC, ECOSOC, ICJ, ETC., PLUS THE NUMEROUS
AD HOC AND STANDING COMMITTEES. AT THE WORKING LEVEL,
THE US PARTICIPATES IN MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE AS A FULL
MEMBERS. THIS YEAR THE WEOG ALSO DEALT WITH SOME BROADER
ISSUES, IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL PROBLEMS OF SLATE
SELECTION.

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B. THE VINCI GROUP. THE VINCI GROUP COMPRISES ALL
WEOG MEMBERS PLUS JAPAN AND THE US PARTICIPATING AS
FULL MEMBERS. IT MEETS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL TO
DISCUSS POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO ANY
OF THE MEMBERS. THIS IS NOT A UN-RECOGNIZED CAUCUS,
HOWEVER, AS IS THE WEOG. IT MEETS UNDER THE JOINT
CHAIRMANSHIP OF AMBASSADOR BATON OF CANADA AND AMBAS-
SADOR VINCI OF ITALY, NORMALLY AT THE CANADIAN MISSION.
WITHIN THE WEOG/VINCI MEMBERSHIP, THERE IS ALSO AN
INFORMAL GROUP, THE BARTON GROUP, WHICH IS SPECIFICALLY
ESTABLISHED TO DISCUSS DISARMAMENT AND RELATED POLITICAL
SUBJECTS.

C. THE EC-9. THIS HIGHLY ORGANIZED AND STRUCTURED
GROUP OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE EEC TENDS TO ACT AS THE
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CORE GROUP OF THE WEOG. EC-9
POSITIONS ON ALMOST ALL UN ISSUES NECESSARILY CONDITION
THE ATTITUDES OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WEOG. USUN
MAINTAINS A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ROTATING PRESIDENCIES
OF THE EC-9 (THIS PAST FALL THE BELGIANS HELD THE
PRESIDENCY) AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, AS WELL AS DAILY
WORKING-LEVEL CONTACT DURING THE GA. MORE THAN IN THE
PAST, OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS (AFRICAN, ARAB, LATIN, AND

ASIAN) IN THE 32ND GA DEALT WITH THE NINE AS A NEGOTIATING
GROU ON KEY ISSUES; TO THIS EXTENT, THE OVERALL INFLUENCE
OF THE NINE WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEIR NUMERICAL
MEMBERSHIP.

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D. THE WESTERN FIVE OF THE SC. THE WESTERN FIVE CONTACT GROUP WAS FORMED IN 1977 TO COORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF THE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACHIEVE AN EFFECTIVE COMMON APPROACH TO SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID PROBLEMS AND SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA. THE UNITY OF THE CONTACT GROUP HAS PROVED TO BE SURPRISINGLY DURABLE AND HAS BEEN A KEY FACTOR IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NEW WESTERN APPROACHES TO DIALOGUE WITH AFRICANS AND SOLUTIONS TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. THE QUALITY OF THIS COOPERATION AMONG THE FIVE HAS EXCEEDED PREVIOUS CONSULTATIVE RELATIONS AMONG STRONG ALLIES AND HAS LAID A SOLID BASE FOR CONTINUATION OF THIS ALIGNMENT ON AFRICAN AND THIRD WORLD PROBLEMS INDEFINITELY.

3. WEOG AND EC-9 PERFORMANCE DURING THE 32ND GA. AS MUCH A RESULT OF CIRCUMSTANCE AS DESIGN, THE WEOG (AND THE EC-9) ENJOYED AN UPBEAT PERFORMANCE DURING THIS GA, EXCEPT ON ECONOMIC ISSUES. STARTING WITH THE SUCCESSFUL WEOG-LED INITIATIVE ON AIRCRAFT SKYJACKING, THROUGH OUR SUCCESSFUL CONSENSUS RESOLUTION ON THE GUAM ISSUE AND THE DIFFICULT PROCESS OF DEFERRING THE PHILIPPINE INVITATION TO HOLD THE NEXT GA IN MANILA, AND FINALLY TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE ASIAN ITEM ON COMPOSITION OF THE ORGANS OF THE UN, THE WEOG FUNCTIONED WELL AND SHOWED STRONG LEADERSHIP AS A GROUP IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE OTHER REGIONAL UN GROUPS. DESPITE OCCASIONAL IRRITATIONS PROMPTED BY A FEELING THAT WE DID NOT ACCORD THEM SUFFICIENT ATTENTION, THERE SEEMED TO BE A GROWING FEELING OF PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE AMONG WEOG MEMBERS REFLECTING THEIR SOLID COHESION AND TACTICAL EFFECTIVENESS ON ITEMS THAT WERE DELICATE AND DIFFICULT. WE WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN WEOG'S PERFORMANCE, AS ALL OF THE ISSUES MENTIONED

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ABOVE WERE IMPORTANT TO THE US. THE WEOG LOOKED TO USUN FOR NEGOTIATING SKILLS, WIDESPREAD COORDINATED CONTACTS WITH THE OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS AND SOMETIMES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF BACKBONE IN DETERMINING COMMON TACTICS. THE VINCI GROUP WAS NOT AS ACTIVE AS IN THE PAST, AND FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW WAS ONLY REALLY HELPFUL ON THE GUAM ISSUE. THE VINCI GROUP WAS NOT A VIABLE CAUCUS ON THE PHILIPPINE INVITATION OR THE ASIAN ITEM ON COMPOSITION OF THE UN ORGANS BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICTING INTERESTS OF JAPAN. THE EC-9 CONTINUED THEIR

CLOSE, DAILY CAUCUSES ON ALL RELEVANT UN ISSUES, PROVIDING
TIMELY COORDINATION ON CURRENT PROBLEMS. THEY HAVE
INFORMED USUN THAT COMMON POSITIONS AND STATEMENTS
ACHIEVED BY THE NINE WERE STATISTICALLY SLIGHTLY MORE
FREQUENT THAN DURING THE 31ST GA, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS
CLEARLY NOT THE CASE IN THE ECONOMIC AREA. THE EC-9
HAS PROMISED US A COPY OF THEIR YEAR-END PROGRESS REPORT.

4. WEOG PERFORMANCE BY COMMITTEE.

A. FIRST COMMITTEE (DISARMAMENT AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS).
ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN GENERALLY GOOD COOPERATION ON
MOST DISARMAMENT ISSUES WITH THE EC-9--THE FRENCH HAVE
CONTINUED TO OBJECT TO AND HAVE BLOCKED EC-9/US CONSUL-
TATIONS. THE FRENCH ATTITUDE IS PROBABLY DUE IN SOME
MEASURE TO A LINGERING GAULLEST AVERSION TO WHAT THE
FRENCH STILL PERCEIVE AS AN UNDESIRABLE EUROPEAN SUB-
ORDINATION TO THE US OLN EUROPEAN DEFENSE MATTERS.

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IN ADDITION, THE FRENCH FIND THEMSELVES ODD-MAN-OUT IN EUROPE IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO COMPREHENSIVE TEXT BAN NEGOTIATIONS AND THE CCD. THE RESULT IN NEW YORK IS THAT US/EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT CONSULTATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE PRIMARILY IN THE LARGER AND MORE HETEROGENEOUS "BARTON GROUP" (INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, CANADA, GREECE, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, AND TURKEY) OR IN BILATERAL CHANNELS. AFTER COMPLAINTS FROM THE BRITISH, ITALIANS, AND GERMANS OVER INSUFFICIENT CONSULTATIONS ON THE SOVIET DETENTE ITEM, WE INDICATED THAT THE SOLUTION LAY IN IMPROVING THE INTERNAL COORDINATION OF THE EC-9 PRESIDENCY AND OVERCOMING THE FRENCH RESISTANCE TO US/EC-9 CONSULTATIONS.

B. SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC). THE SPC THIS YEAR ENJOYED A MUCH RICHER AGENDA THAN USUAL WITH THE ADDITION OF ITEMS ON SKYJACKING, UFO'S, AND THE ASIAN PROPOSAL ON COMPOSITION OF THE UN BODIES. CO-OPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN USUN AND OUR WEOG/EC-9 COLLEAGUES WERE CLOSE, FREQUENT, AND GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL. ONLY ON THE NO-WIN ITEM CONCERNING ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS THE US REALLY ISOLATED FROM WESTERN SUPPORT.

C. THE SECOND COMMITTEE (ECONOMIC COOPERATION). WEOG GENERALLY DOES NOT OPERATE AS A GROUP IN THE ECONOMIC AREA; GROUP MEETINGS (PLUS JAPAN, LESS MALTA) ARE VERY INFREQUENT. AT THE 32ND GA, COOPERATION WITH THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WAS GENERALLY GOOD, BUT BECAUSE OF SERIOUS POLICY DIFFICULTIES WITHIN THE EC-9 (THE FRENCH ON RESTRUCTURING; FRANCE, ITALY, AND BELGIUM ON HABITAT; THE NETHERLANDS ON THE OVERVIEW MECHANISM; GENERALIZED FRG RIGIDITY ON MANY ISSUES, AND A WEAK BELGIAN PRESIDENCY), THE EC-9 WAS NOT AN EFFECTIVE PARTNER AS SUCH. FURTHER, THE EC-9 IN

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PARTICULAR SEEMED TO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN COMMUNICATING WITH THE G-77 (DEVELOPING COUNTRIES). HE SWEDISH AND CANADIAN ROLES IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE, INCLUDING RESTRUCTURING, WERE VERY POSITIVE AND HELPFUL TO OUR GOALS.

D. THE THIRD COMMITTEE. THE HIGH DEGREE OF CO-OPERATION WHICH CHARACTERIZED USUN RELATIONS WITH THE EC-9 AND LIKE-MINDED WESTERN STATES LAST YEAR REMAINED, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A GREATER DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS. A SUBTLE CHANGE HAS COME OVER OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EC-9, AND ALTHOUGH THERE WERE MORE MEETINGS BETWEEN US THIS YEAR THAN LAST, THE DIFFERENCES WHICH SEPARATED US ON SOME ISSUES WERE GREATER THAN THEY HAD BEEN IN THE PAST. OBVIOUSLY, INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE SOMEWHAT AFFECTED OUR RELATIONS WITH EC-9 MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THE FRG AND FRANCE, AND US ASSERTIVENESS IN THE FIELD CREATED SOME FEELINGS OF UNEASINESS.

E. THE FOURTH COMMITTEE. IN THE FOURTH COMMITTEE, COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EC-9, A MAJORITY OF THE WEOG, AND USUN REMAINED AS CLOSE AS LAST YEAR. THE SUPPORT OF AND WAS AN IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN ASSURING A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. ON AFRICAN MATTERS THE EC-9 AND WEOG HAVE COME TO LOOK TO USUN FOR LEADERSHIP, AND THE GROUP OF FIVE GENERALLY SHAPED WESTERN POSITIONS ON GA ITEMS SUCH AS APARTHEID, NAMIBIA, AND RHODESIA.

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F. THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, THROUGHOUT THE 32ND GA, FIFTH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES OF WEOG DELEGATIONS (PLUS JAPAN'S FIFTH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE AND THE SWISS OBSERVER) CAUCUSED EACH THURSDAY MORNING AT THE CANADIAN MISSION. WHILE THERE IS A GENERAL RECOGNITION OF SHARED INTERESTS AMONG MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP, CERTAIN DISTINCTIONS AND DIFFERENCES CAUSED TENSIONS AMONG THEM DURING THE 32ND GA. FIVE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP (FRANCE, FRG, JAPAN, UK, AND US) ARE REPRESENTED ON THE ACABQ. FOUR OF THESE MEMBERS (FRANCE, FRG, JAPAN, AND THE UK) WERE REPRESENTED IN FIFTH COMMITTEE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THOSE COUNTRIES IN THE ACABQ. THESE FOUR, WITH THE ADVANTAGE OF MORE EXPERTISE IN UN AFFAIRS AND THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP THAT COMES OF SUCH REGULAR, INTIMATE ASSOCIATION, TENDED TO DOMINATE DISCUSSIONS IN THE WEOG FIFTH COMMITTEE CAUCUS. OTHER WEOG DELEGATIONS ARE LESS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE ACABQ MEMBERS AS WEOG SURROGATES IN UN FISCAL AFFAIRS THAN THE LATTER ARE INCLINED TO ASSERT THAT ROLE. THE LONG-STANDING PRACTICE OF AUTOMATICALLY RESERVING THREE SEATS FOR SC PERMANENT MEMBERS ON EVERY UN BODY DEALING WITH FINANCIAL MATTERS IS NOW SOMEWHAT RESENTED, AS THE COST OF OPERATING THE UN RISES AT A RAPID RATE. THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES,

THE NORDICS, AND AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND DIRECTLY CHALLENGED THIS PRACTICE IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ELECTIONS AND ACABQ ENLARGEMENT. THE DEMARCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE ACABQ AND THE CPC WAS A SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY WITHIN THE WEOG. BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS, AND SOME NORDICS ARE REPRESENTED ON THE LATTER BODY. THEY SEE IT AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR INFLUENCING UN SPENDING PRIORITIES, BUT ACABQ MEMBERS ARE A BIT APPREHENSIVE THAT THEIR BUDGET REVIEW AUTHORITY MAY BE DILUTED AS THE CPC'S

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PRACTICE EVOLVES. THESE TENSIONS IN FIFTH COMMITTEE, REDUCED RESISTANCE OF SOME MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THE NORDICS, THE NETHERLANDS, AND THE FRG, TO ACCOMMODATING LDC SPENDING IDEAS. MOST WEOG MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE ON THE ACABQ, REGARDED US INITIATIVES FOR REDUCTIONS IN UN EXPENDITURES BEYOND ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS AS RADICAL AND DAMAGING TO ALREADY WEAKENED WEOG UNITY. WE WERE RARELY SUPPORTED AND WERE OFTEN CRITICIZED FOR LACK OF ADVANCE CONSULTATION. WHILE IN SOME CASES LATE ARRIVAL OF INSTRUCTIONS PREVENTED TIMELY COORDINATION, THERE WAS NO MODERATION OF THIS CRITICISM IN THOSE INSTANCES WHEN THE US DELEGATION, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE REGULAR THURSDAY MORNING MEETINGS, ANNOUNCED ITS POSITION WELL AHEAD OF TIME.

G. THE SIXTH COMMITTEE. IN THE WEOG OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE, WE HAVE RETAINED THE PRACTICE OF AN ANNUAL ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP OF FRANCE, UK, US. ALTHOUGH THIS PRACTICE RAISES A FEW EYEBROWS AND ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE IS A DELICATE MATTER, IT HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY CHALLENGED. THE EFFECT OF THIS SYSTEM IS NOT ONLY TO ENSURE COMPETENT CHAIRING AND US CHAIRMANSHIP ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS, BUT TO BRING THE FRENCH MORE ACTIVELY INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR THAN MIGHT OTHERWISE BE THE CASE. COOPERATION WITH THE EC-9 AND WEOG GROUPS CONTINUED TO BE AS SATISFACTORY AS LAST YEAR. USUN HAS NOTED, HOWEVER, A GREATER DISPOSITION ON THE PART OF WEOG TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THIS YEAR. THE FRENCH REP IN COMMITTEE SIX HAS BECOME SLIGHTLY MORE ASSERTIVE IN TRYING TO MITIGATE WHATEVER DIFFERENCES EXIST BETWEEN US. THE FRG REP HAS FADED SOMEWHAT, AND WHETHER HIS GENERALLY LACKLUSTER PERFORMANCE REFLECTS A MEDIOCRE ABILITY OR A SUBTLE CHANGE IN BONN POLICY IS HARD TO DETERMINE.

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5. COMMENT. CLEARLY, WEOG COUNTRIES REGARD THE US
AS THEIR MOST IMPORTANT ALLY AND ACTIVELY LOOK TO THE
USUN FOR LEADERSHIP. THIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP REMAINS IN
OUR INTEREST, AND WE MUST, THEREFORE, CONTINUE TO REMAIN
RESPONSIVE TO THESE COUNTRIES' VARIOUS REGIONAL AND
NATIONAL SENSITIVITIES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE US MUST
NECESSARILY TAKE A MORE GLOBAL VIEW OF ECONOMIC, POLITICAL,

AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND THEREFORE BE OPEN TO THE VIEWS
OF THE G-77 (DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) AS WELL,EVEN IF THIS
IMPLIES DISAGREEMENT WITH EC-9 OR OTHER WEOG COUNTRY VIEWS.
WHATEVER OUR POSITIONS, PROMPT AND EXTENSIVE CONSULTA-
TIONS ON ALL MAJOR ISSUES CONTINUE TO BE THE BEST WAY
TO MAINTAIN LEADERSHIP TO THEIR GROUP.
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